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SUBJECT: VISA ISSUANCE TO POLYGAMOUS FAMILIES

1. ONE FIRST LT. (FNU) AL-AWFY OF ROYAL SAUDI AIR FORCE ARRIVED LACKLAND AFB EARLY SEPTEMBER ACCOMPANIED BY TWO WIVES, EACH WITH VISAS ISSUED BY EMBASSY ON JULY 16, 1975 (VISA NUMBERS 000557 AND 000558). AL-AWFY IN U.S. FOR TRAINING IN CONJUNCTION WITH SAUDI F-5 PROGRAM, UNDER FMS CASE SR-TBH. CASE CAME TO ATTENTION LOCAL AIR FORCE OFFICIALS WHEN BOTH WIVES REQUIRED ADMISSION TO BASE HOSPITAL; THUS FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMUNITY OR PRESS ATTENTION TO AL-AWFY'S SITUATION.

2. THOUGH EXCLUSION OF POLYGAMISTS REQUIRED BY 8 USC ARTICLE 1182(A)(11) IS NOT APPLICABLE TO ALIENS SEEKING ENTRY AS NON-IMMIGRANT (8 USC ARTICLE 1182(D)(1)), PRACTICE OF POLYGAMY BY ALIEN TEMPORARILY IN U.S. WILL BE LIKELY TO OFFEND COMMUNITY MORAL STANDARDS AND COULD EXPOSE ALIEN TO PROSECUTION UNDER STATE CRIMINAL LAWS.

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EMBASSY SHOULD DISCOURAGE TRAVEL TO U.S. BY KNOWN POLY-

GAMOUS FAMILIES, NOTING THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS IN SAUDI
ARABIA ENDEAVOR TO CONFORM TO SAUDI COMMUNITY STANDARDS,
AND USG HAS RIGHT TO EXPECT SAUDIS TO DO LIKEWISE IN U.S.

SHOULD MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS OF POLYGAMOUS FAMILY
NEVERTHELESS APPLY FOR VISA, REQUEST APPLICATION BE
REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION.
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